



**Division of Social Services**  
**Department of Family Services**  
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Department of Family Services announces changes in the Financial Assistance Programs (FAP). FAP consists of direct funding activities related to financial assistance, including general assistance and burial assistance. Effective immediately the FAP will be implementing the following contingency plan. DFS shall implement, through its case management process, a financial assistance plan that reflects the residual, secondary resource payer of last resort, for those who do not have sufficient resources to meet the essential need items defined by the Bureau standard of assistance for those Bureau programs providing financial payment.

**General Assistance**

- ✚ Time limit for an Employable recipient receiving General Assistance is three (3) months.
- ✚ All “pertinent” general assistance cases will be referred to Navajo Nation Department of Self Reliance (NNDSR).
  - Adult household members with children will be referred to DSR for assistance.
  - Adult household member who have reached the five (5) year/sixty (60) month time limit with TANF/DSR will no longer be assisted.
- ✚ Individuals potentially eligible for Social Security Supplemental Security Income and are awaiting determination for Social Security will be assisted for no more than twelve (12) months.
- ✚ Initial grants will no longer be an available benefit; GA benefits will begin the month following eligibility determination.

**Burial Assistance**

Burial Assistance will be available on a limited basis effective October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Services will be limited to individuals who have absolutely no other resources for burial. Any and all available resources, including insurance benefits shall be applied to reduce the total amount of burial assistance.

- ✚ DFS will offer a limited amount of burial applications for services per month.
- ✚ Burial Assistance is limited and will only include services listed below.

**Standard Burial**

- Adult/Children (Above 5’ Casket), Includes Professional Services and Casket
- Children/Children (Below 5’ Casket), Includes Professional Services and Casket

**Navajo Traditional Burial**

- Adult
- Children

**Cremation**

- Adult/Minor

- ✚ Special needs will no longer be a covered cost under the standard burial rates included below. Families will be responsible for additional expenses.
  - Oversize Casket
  - Ziegler Case

**Emergency Assistance**

Emergency assistance will no longer be available; applicants are encouraged to seek other resources.

For any further questions, please call Madelena Kee, Administrative Services Officer at 928.810.8575.